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Minutes of the House Standing Committee
on
Military and Veteran Affairs

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 12:00 Noon Room 327 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Representative Jason Wentworth, Chair.

The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives Wentworth, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder and Jones. (12/13)**

Member absent and excused was **Representative Graves. (1/13)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of December 5, 2017, as printed.

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the minutes of December 5, 2017, as printed. There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.

The Chair laid before the committee Senate 404.

SB 404 (O'Brien) State; identification cards; fee waiver on state identification cards for veterans; provide for.

Stephanie Bogema, Chief of Staff for Senator Margaret O'Brien, the bill sponsor, explained the bill. Questions followed.

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in support, but did not wish to speak.

David Richmond, Legislative Liaison for the Secretary of State, submitted a testimony card stating the department is neutral on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Steven A. Kozera, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and Phil Yeiter, Legislative Liaison for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, submitted a testimony card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

The Chair laid before the committee House Resolution 191.

HR 191 (Lasinski) A resolution of support for the initiative to bring the first Fisher House to Michigan.

Representative Donna Lasinski, the sponsor of the resolution, explained the (H-2) for House Resolution 191.

Representative Sabo offered and moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) for House Resolution 191.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)

Nays: None. (0/13)

The substitute was adopted

Representative Lasinski, explained the need for the resolution, and introduced James Dempsey, Lt. Col. (ret.), who testified in support of the resolution. Questions followed.

Mark A. Sutton, Public Relations Director for the American Legion Department of Michigan, submitted a testimony card in support of the resolution, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Brinks moved to report House Resolution 191 with the recommendation that the substitute (H-2) be adopted and that the resolution then be adopted.

The motion prevailed by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to and serving on the committee, voting as follows:

Yeas: Representatives Wentworth, Hughes, Barrett, Glenn, Albert, Hoitenga, Johnson, Sabo, Brinks, Byrd, Elder, and Jones, (12/13)

Nays: None. (0/13)

The Substitute for House Resolution 191 was referred to the House floor.

Representative Barett moved to excuse Representative Graves from today's committee meeting.

There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the member was excused.

There being no other business before the committee; the Chair declared the committee adjourned, the time being 12:25 p.m.

Jason Wentworth, Chair

House Standing Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

Date approved by the committee